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Beauty and the Beast

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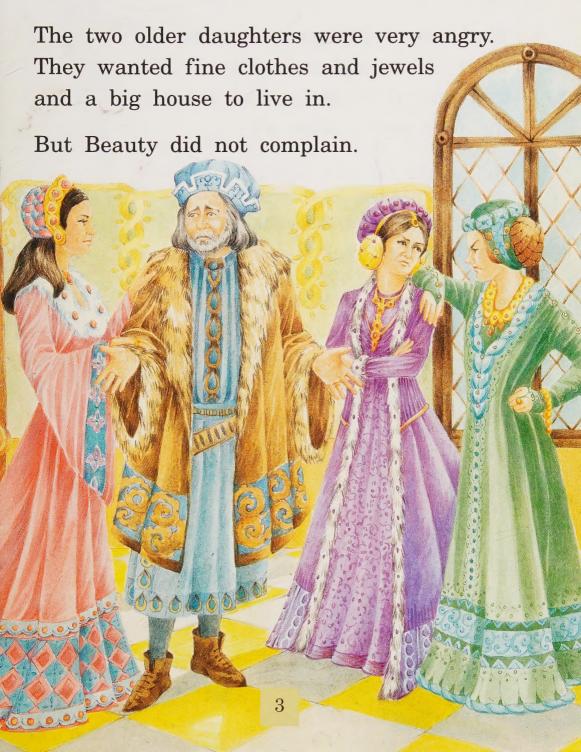
Once upon a time, there was a rich merchant who had three daughters. His youngest daughter was very beautiful and very kind. He called her Beauty.

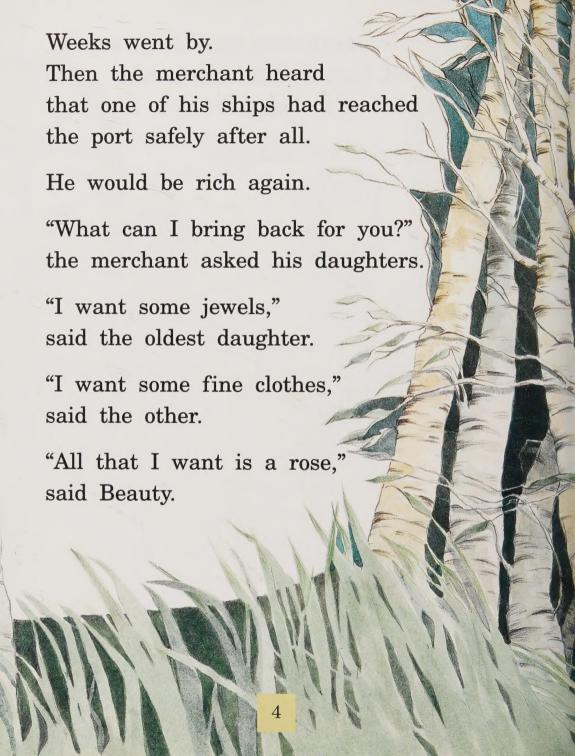
The two older sisters
were jealous of Beauty.
One day, the merchant
told his daughters some bad news.

"All of my ships have been lost at sea.

Now we have no money.

We must move to a small cottage in the country."





But when the merchant arrived at the port, he found that his ship had been sold and there was no money left.

Sadly, he began to make his way home.

The night was dark and stormy, and the merchant's horse stumbled along in the icy wind.

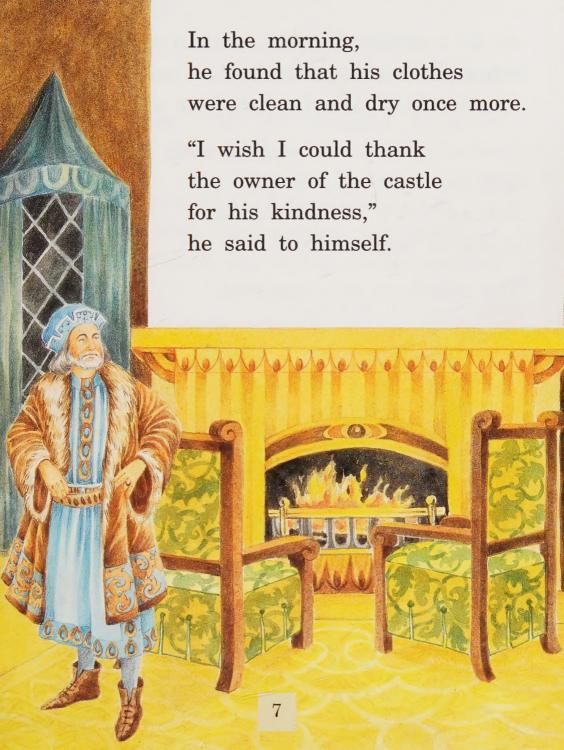
He knew he would have to find shelter soon.

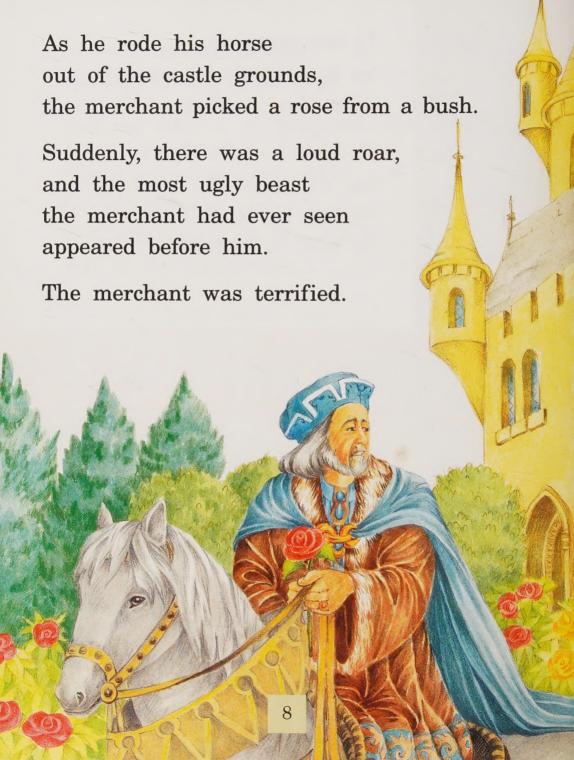


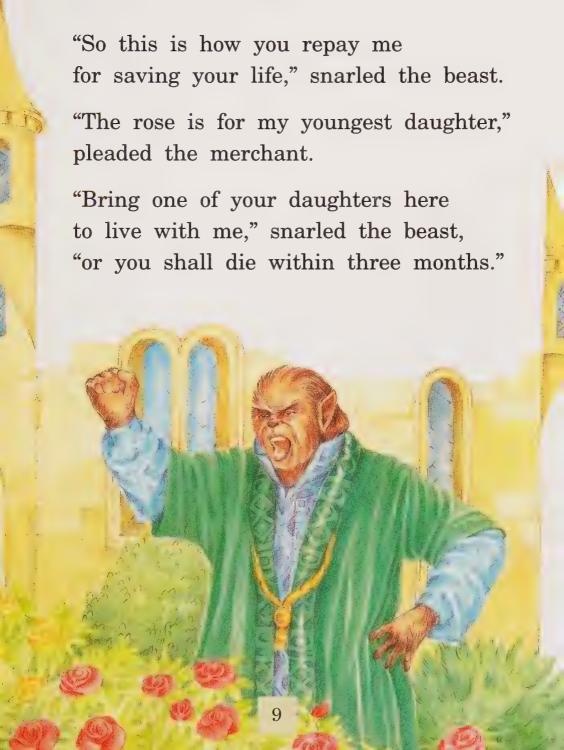
At last, he saw a light shining through the trees.

It came from a magnificent castle.

The stable door was open for his horse, and every room in the castle was warm and bright. The merchant called out, but no one came. It was very strange. The merchant ate hungrily from the food on the table. Then he lay down and slept.







When he arrived home, the merchant wept as he told his daughters all that had happened.

"Do not worry, Father," said Beauty.
"I will go and live with the beast."

Her two older sisters were glad to hear Beauty's words.

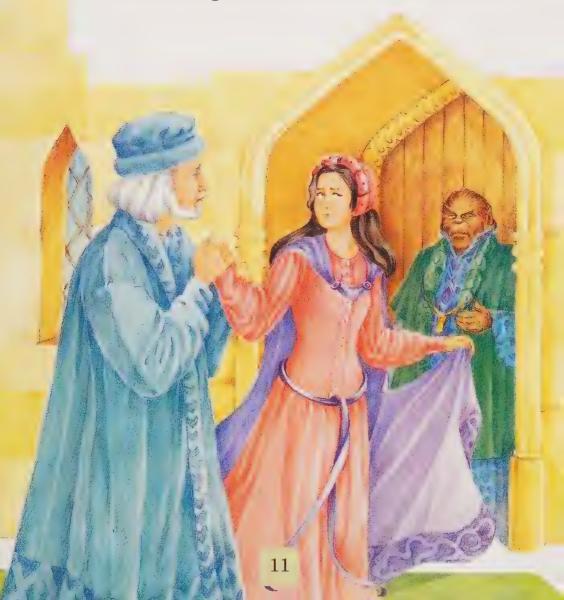
"It is all your fault," they said.
"It was you who asked for a rose."

The merchant was very troubled as he rode with Beauty to the castle.

As they drew near, the beast appeared with a dreadful roar.

The sight of the ugly beast horrified Beauty, but she said goodbye to her father as bravely as she could.

Beauty was tired after the long ride. She was glad to lie down and sleep. And while she slept, she dreamed that her goodness would be rewarded.

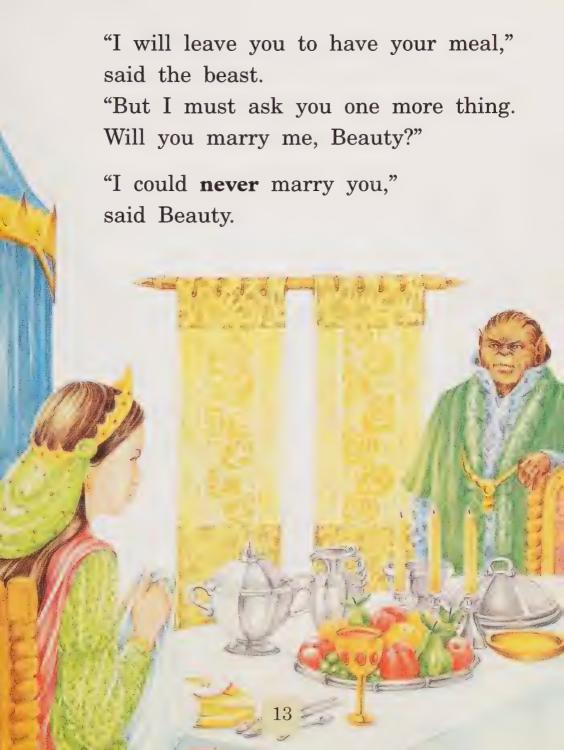


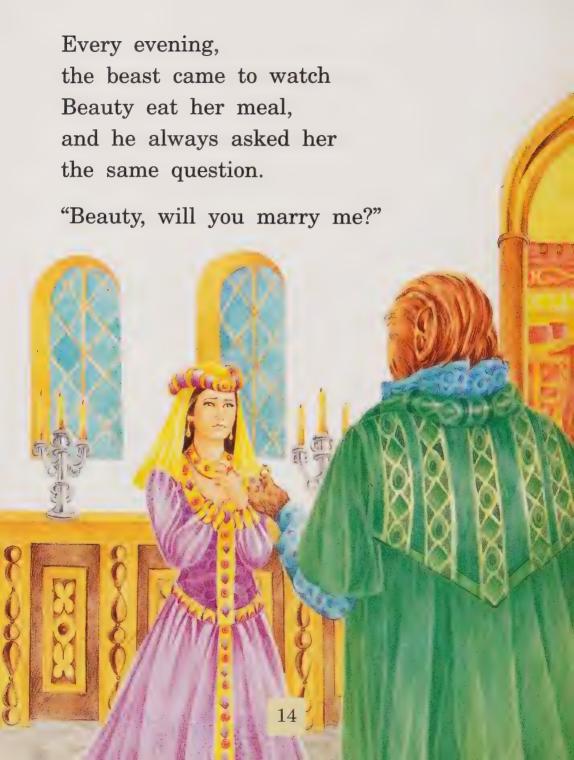
The next morning,
Beauty was surprised to find a room
with her name on the door.
Inside she found many books
and musical instruments.

"The beast is very kind. He can't mean to harm me," she said.

That evening, as she ate her meal, there was a loud roaring sound and the beast appeared.
"Do you think that I am ugly?" he asked.

"Yes, I do," replied Beauty, trembling.
"I cannot tell a lie.
But you are very kind to me."







Beauty was no longer afraid of him, and she enjoyed listening to him talk. But she could not say "yes" to his question.

One day, news came that Beauty's father was ill.

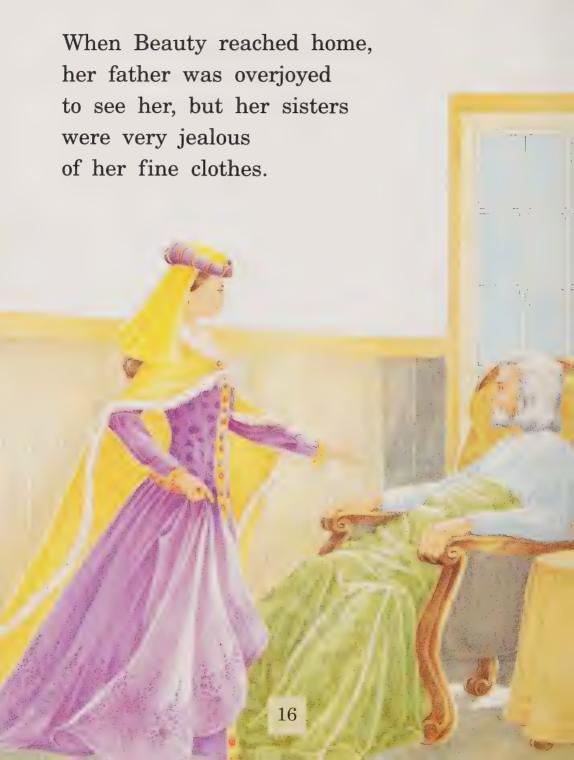
"Please, Beast," she begged,
"let me go back to my home
to see my father."

"If you do not return, I shall die," said the beast.

"I promise," said Beauty.
"I will return in one week."

"Wear this ring," said the beast.

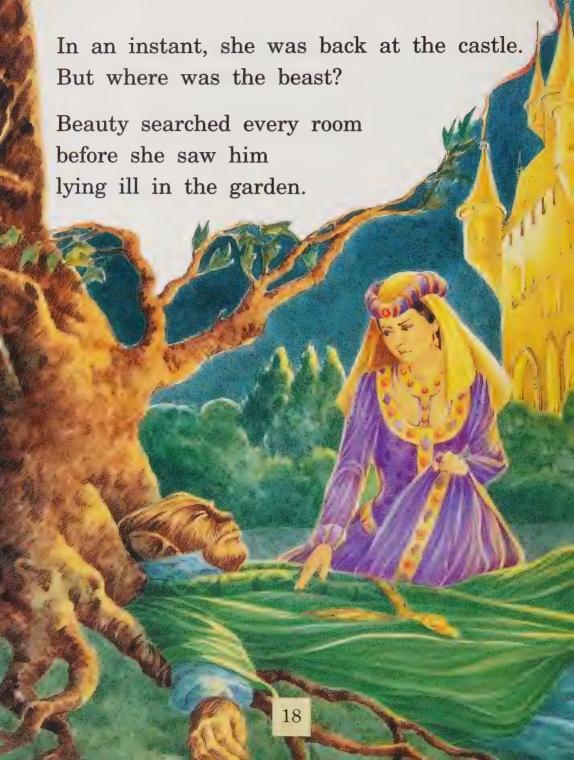
"When you are ready to come back,
take it off, and you will find yourself
at the castle."

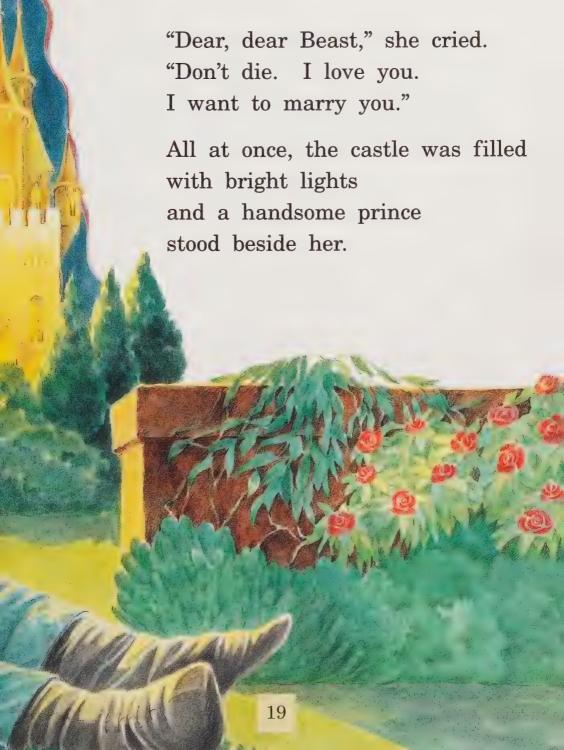


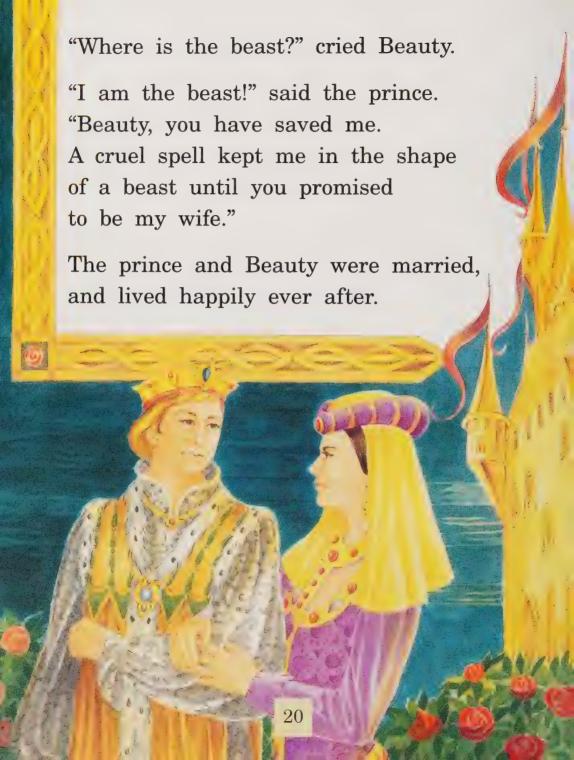
Two weeks after she had left the beast,
Beauty had a terrible dream.
She dreamed that the beast
had killed himself
because she had not returned
as she had promised.

Beauty pulled off her ring.









A play

Beauty and the Beast



People in the play



Narrator



Second Daughter



Merchant



Beauty



Oldest Daughter



Beast

Once upon a time,
there was a rich merchant
who had three daughters.
He called his youngest daughter Beauty.
She was very beautiful and very kind.
The two older sisters were jealous of her.
One day, the merchant told
his daughters some bad news.

Merchant

All of my ships have been lost at sea. Now we have no money. We must move to a small cottage in the country.

Oldest Daughter

But I want fine clothes and jewels.

Second Daughter

I want to live in this big house.

Beauty

I do not mind, Father. Do not worry.

Narrator

Weeks went by.

Then the merchant heard that one of his ships had reached the port. He would be rich again.

Merchant

What can I bring back for you?

Oldest Daughter

I want some jewels.

Second Daughter

I want some fine clothes.

Beauty

All that I want is a rose.

Narrator

But when the merchant got to the port, he found that his ship had been sold.

The merchant would never be rich again. Sadly, he made his way back home. The night was dark, and his horse stumbled along in the icy wind.

Merchant

I have to find shelter soon, or I will die of the cold.

Narrator

At last, the merchant saw a light shining through the trees. It was coming from a magnificent castle.

Merchant (entering the castle)

This castle is very strange.

The stable door was open for my horse, and these rooms are warm and bright.

But there is no one here.

I am so hungry I must eat this food.

When the merchant had eaten, he lay down and slept. In the morning, he found that his clothes were clean and dry once more.

Merchant (leaving the castle grounds)

I wish I could thank the owner of this castle for his kindness.

I will just take one of these roses.

Narrator

As the merchant picked the rose, there was a loud roar, and the most ugly beast the merchant had ever seen appeared before him.

Beast (snarling)

So this is how you repay me for saving your life.

Merchant (pleading)

The rose is for my youngest daughter. Please, please do not kill me.

Beast

Bring one of your daughters here to live with me, or you shall die within three months.

Narrator

When the merchant arrived home, he wept as he told his daughters all that had happened.

Beauty

Do not worry, Father.

I will go and live with the beast.

Oldest Daughter

Yes. You should go, Beauty. It is all your fault.

Second Daughter

It was you who asked for a rose.

Narrator

The merchant was very troubled as he rode with Beauty to the castle. As they drew near, the beast appeared with a dreadful roar.

Beauty

Father, the beast is so ugly and so frightening.
But do not worry. I will be brave.

Beast (to the merchant)

Go now.

Leave your daughter here with me.

Narrator

Beauty was tired after the long ride.

She lay down to sleep.

While she slept, she dreamed that her goodness would be rewarded.

The next morning, Beauty discovered a room with her name on the door.

Inside she saw many beautiful things.

Beauty

The beast is very kind.

He has given me all of these things.

He can't mean to harm me.

Narrator

That evening, as she ate her meal, there was a loud roaring sound and the beast appeared.

Beast

Beauty, do you think I am ugly?

Beauty (trembling)

Yes I do. I cannot tell a lie. But you **are** very kind to me.

Beast

I will leave you to have your meal. But I must ask you one more thing. Will you marry me, Beauty?

Beauty

I could never marry you.

Narrator

Every evening, the beast came to watch Beauty eat her meal. He always asked her the same question.

Beast

Beauty, will you marry me?

Beauty

Dear Beast, I enjoy listening to you talk, but I cannot say 'yes' to your question.

One day, news came that Beauty's father was ill.

Beauty

Please Beast, let me go back home to see my father.

Beast

If you do not return, I shall die.

Beauty

I promise I will return in one week.

Beast

Wear this ring. When you are ready to come back, take it off and you will find yourself at the castle.

Narrator

When Beauty reached home, her father was overjoyed to see her.

Oldest Daughter (jealously)

Look at all her beautiful things.

Second Daughter

She should give some of them to us.

Narrator

Beauty gave them all her fine clothes and jewels. For two weeks, she cared for her sick father.

Beauty (pulling off her ring)

I must return to the beast.

Last night, I dreamed that
he had killed himself
because I broke my promise to him.

Narrator

In an instant, Beauty was back at the castle. She searched every room before she found the beast lying ill in the garden.

Beauty

Dear, dear Beast. Please don't die. I love you. I want to marry you.

Narrator

All at once, the castle was filled with bright lights and a handsome prince stood beside her.

Beauty

Where is the beast?

Prince (Beast)

I am the beast.

Beauty, you have saved me.

A cruel spell kept me in the shape of the beast until you promised to be my wife.

Narrator

The prince and Beauty were married, and lived happily ever after.

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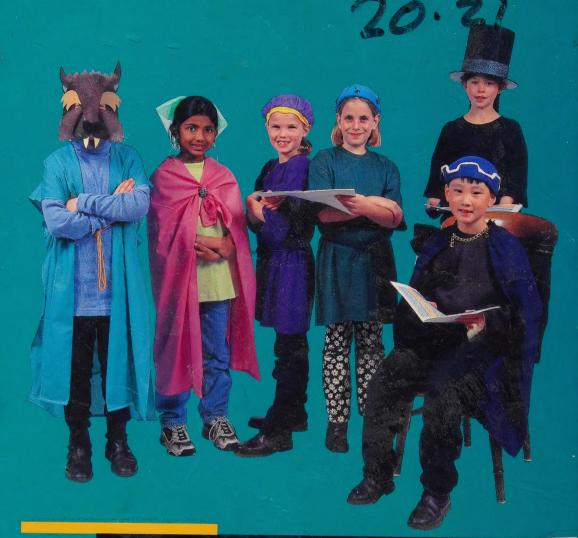
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